

RECEIVED

OCT 16 2001

October 12, 2001

Carol Hanlon  
U. S. Department of Energy  
Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office  
(M/S #025)  
P.O. Box 30307  
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-0307

552136

Comments on the Secretary of Energy's "Site Recommendation for Yucca Mountain,"  
Nevada, for Development as a High-Level Nuclear Waste Repository

Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am concerned about the delays in the implementation of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Yucca Mountain Project. It is my understanding that this recommendation is needed to allow this project to proceed.

As one who has worked in the commercial nuclear power industry for 23 years, I am proud of the service nuclear energy has contributed to the advancements in the U.S. and around the world. The country needs nuclear power now and I agree with the president that the use of nuclear power needs to be expanded. Long-term spent fuel storage is a necessary element in the development of new nuclear power capacity.

There are groups (Anti's) who want to stall or stop the site recommendation further by making repeated and redundant negative public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. These groups are self-serving and will not be satisfied with any answer to their comments. Their only aim is to completely stop the use of nuclear power in the world.

I just finished reading a 22 page letter from the NIRS, an anti-nuclear group, on the Yucca Mountain Project. This letter was sent to the group's members who probably sent versions to you. It contains many sensational allegations supported by a little bit of science and a lot of emotion and half-truths. I was annoyed by the tactics in that letter that were obviously meant to stir up negative reactions in the group's membership rather than communicate real issues.

Thank you for considering my comments. No response is needed.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Miller  
12850 Hwy 9, Suite 600  
Alpharetta, GA 30004